

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 1999 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE COOPER TRUST SUITE, MAUCHLINE COMMUNITY CENTRE, KILMARNOCK ROAD, MAUCHLINE

PRESENT: Councillors William Menzies, Eric Jackson, George Smith, Julie Faulds, Provost Jimmy Boyd and Councillor Eric Ross; and Community Representatives: Mr William Crawford, Mr Alex Currie, Mr William Lees, Mr David Elliot, Mrs Caroline McBride and Miss Isla Menzies.

ATTENDING: John Pickering, Area Housing Manager; Patrick Gray, Assistant Area Housing Manager; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer (Corporate Services); Colin McKee, Senior Planning Officer - Policy and Projects (Development Services); Mike Rooney, Team Leader - Environmental Health (Community Services); Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer (Corporate Services); and Christine Baillie, Trainee Administrative Officer (Corporate Services).

ALSO ATTENDING: Sergeant Ian Mortimer, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Jimmy Kelly and Jimmy Carmichael; and Community Representatives Mrs Jean Smith and Mr Ronnie Hamilton.

CHAIR: Councillor William Menzies, Chair.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

1. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1401 hours in order to allow for a 15 minute maximum public question and answer session.

RECONVENTION OF MEETING

2. The meeting reconvened at 1403 hours with the same Councillors, Community Representatives and Officers present and in attendance.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3. There were submitted and noted, the Minutes of the meeting of the Cumnock Area Local Committee held on 19 August 1999 (circulated).

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

**APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE:
LOCAL CHURCHES (Item 2, Page 4444, 96/99)**

4. It was reported (a) that Reverend Duncan Eddie, who had been appointed to the Local Committee as a Community Representative by the local Churches had intimated his resignation from the Committee; and (b) that the Churches had nominated Reverend Bill Buchan, Minister at St Andrew's Church, Cumnock, as their new Community Representative.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to accept the nomination of Reverend Bill Buchan as a Community Representative; and
- (ii) that it be remitted to the Director of Corporate Services, in consultation with the Chair, to write to Reverend Eddie on behalf of the Committee acknowledging his contribution as a Community Representative.

LOCAL ITEMS

5. It was agreed that arrangements be made for a presentation to be made to the Local Committee on the local implications of the Social Inclusion Programme.

Arising from discussion, it was noted:-

- (i) that Community Representatives Mrs Jean Smith and Mrs Caroline McBride had been nominated as Representative and Substitute respectively to attend the East Ayrshire Social Inclusion Strategic Partnership Group on behalf of the Local Committee until March 2000; and
- (ii) that the Administrative Officer would write to all Community Councils within the Local Committee's area confirming that they should make representations to the two Community Council appointed Community Representatives on the Local Committee in respect of any matters which they might wish to be raised at Local Committee meetings.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

STRATHCLYDE POLICE SPOTLIGHT REPORT

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 23 September 1999 (circulated) by Chief Inspector Thomson, Strathclyde Police, which advised of "Spotlight" activity and other crime trends over the recent period.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

CUMNOCK AREA ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (Item 4, Page 4102, 96/99)

7. There was submitted a report dated 22 September 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which updated Members on the progress of the environmental improvement projects identified as priority within the Cumnock Area Local Committee area and which sought approval to continue with the Hearth Road, Cumnock, project.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress made on the identified environmental improvement projects within the Local Committee's area;
- (ii) that the Hearth Road, Cumnock, project should proceed on the basis of the amended costings set out in the report, i.e. at an estimated total cost, including fees, of £5,900, being £2,400 above the initial indicated cost; and

- (iii) that a further report be submitted to a future meeting on the financial implications associated with the carrying out of the other identified environmental improvement projects.

Councillor Ross joined the meeting during consideration of the preceding item.

HOMES AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL HOUSING NEEDS ANALYSIS (Item 12, Page 214, 99/02)

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 16 September 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services on the results of the Housing Needs Survey relative to the Local Committee's area.

LAMBFair GARDENS/ARRAN DRIVE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION, AUCHINLECK: REQUEST FOR GRANT

9. There was submitted a report dated 16 September 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services which recommended approval of an application for a start-up grant and an annual operating grant by the Lambfair Gardens/Arran Drive Residents' Association, Auchinleck.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that a start-up grant of £150 and an operating grant of £100 be made to the Residents' Association, the expenditure to be met from the Housing Revenue Account; and
- (ii) that the Director of Homes and Technical Services arrange for the grant payments to be made.

CORPORATE SERVICES

STREET NAMING: CUMNOCK: DEVELOPMENT AT DRUMBROCHAN

10. The Committee were asked to determine a name for a new street to be created by private housing development at Drumbrochan, Cumnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the new street be named "Sullivan Wynd", in recognition of the service given to the local community by Reverend Matthew Sullivan, former Minister at the Congregational Church, Cumnock; and
- (ii) that the Head of Technical Services be advised of the above.

CUMNOCK AREA COMMUNITY FORUM: NEXT MEETING

11. The Administrative Officer reported, and it was noted, that the next meeting of the Cumnock Area Community Forum would take place on Wednesday 20 October 1999 commencing at 1900 hours in Logan Primary School; and that the "Council Item" would be "Millennium Issues" with the "Local Item" to be "Community Safety - Drugs Abuse in the Cumnock Area", as jointly suggested by the Community Representatives.

The meeting terminated at 1452 hours.